

Virtual Bulletin Board

Description: This document is maintained as a service to everyone who is interested in hearing about what is going on for military youth, but can't make it up to Wellesley to look at our awesome bulletin board just outside our office! There are two parts to this document: Part I: Pages 1-2, containing on-going program information; Part II: Pages 3-14, with calendar breakdowns of specific events and deadlines. Please contact Debbie or Susan with any questions. We are happy to provide more detail. Suggestions are always welcome on how to improve this process.

Contests:

Tutor.com has weekly contests for a fun assortment of their gear. <http://www.tutor.com/heartmilitary>
VFW Voice of Democracy Contest for grades 9-12. <http://www.vfw.org/Community/Voice-of-Democracy/> November 1, 2014 deadline.
VFW Patriot's Pen Youth Essay Contest for grades 6-7-8. <http://www.vfw.org/Community/Patriot-s-Pen/> November 1, 2014 deadline.
MCEC Call for the Arts opens September 1 every year. Submissions due by the end of January <http://www.militarychild.org/parents-and-students/programs/the-call-for-the-arts>

Education: Scholarships, Grants, Internships:

HS Juniors: Check out this great opportunity to learn more about how government works through the American Legion: <http://www.boysandgirlsstate.org/> Deadlines vary but generally in April.
Military Extension Internship Program www.ydae.purdue.edu/military
Operation Military Kids Grants are pending availability. Contact Debbie or Susan for an application or more information.
Our Military Kids: Activity Grants for children of deployed Service Members and Wounded Warriors. (See website for eligibility.) <http://www.ourmilitarykids.org/>
College: Veterans United Foundation Scholarship for service members, spouses, and military children. www.enhancelives.com/scholarships spring and fall deadlines
American Patriot Freedom Scholarship Aware for Military Dependent Children <http://www.homefrontamerica.org/oohrahome.htm>
List of Organizations for spouse scholarships <http://www.militaryfamily.org/get-info/spouse-education/financial-assistance/organizations-offer-scholarships.html>
College Planning Center of Rhode Island's RI Scholarship Search (to find LOCAL scholarships) <https://www.rischolarships.org/>
Free SAT, ACT prep kits for National Guard Children and relatives of National Guard (plus \$17.55 per program for mtl and shipping) to order online: www.eknowledge.com/USNG or [AMVETS](http://www.AMVETS.org)
BGCA of Greater Westfield provides EVERY Military Child a FREE club membership and a \$100 certificate toward any of their programs. (Jennifer.cesaitis@ang.af.mil or 413-568-9151 x 698 1183)
Massachusetts Educational Financing Authority (MEFA) is offering seminars across MA. Visit www.mefa.org for more information. <http://www.mefa.org/findaseminar.aspx>
More Info and Additional Scholarships: <http://www.militarychild.org/parents-and-students/scholarships>
Harvard offers free tuition for families making less than \$60,000 a year. Harvard's financial aid website: <http://www.fao.fas.harvard.edu/>, financial aid office (617) 495-1581.
NG Education Contact: Mr. Christopher D. Rush, M. Ed. Education Services Specialist/Test Control Officer 508-968-5889 Cell: 774-278-8721 FAX: 508-968-5906 christopher.d.rush1.mil@mail.mil
Fry Scholarship for children of military personnel who died in the line of duty since Sept. 11, 2001. Benefits are retroactive to August 1, 2009. (888) GIBILL-1, 1 (888) 442-4551, or www.gibill.va.gov/
Thanks USA Scholarship Program for college or certification programs <http://www.thanksusa.org/main/scholarships.html> Acceptance period every year: 4/1-5/15
National Military Family Association Scholarship for Military Spouses <http://www.militaryfamily.org/our-programs/military-spouse-scholarships/> Opens December 1, 2014.
College: Fisher House Scholarships <http://www.militaryscholar.org/> Daughters and Sons of Active Duty, Guard/Reserve, or Retired in 4 year accredited undergraduate college or university program.
College Undergraduate Locator (MOS) <<http://www.nelnetsolutions.com/ugchannel/code/searches/srchCrit1.asp?sponsor=2829>>
Education Assisted Search (MOS) Printable Page <<http://www.powerflexweb.com/printPage.php?recid=41174>>
Website for positive parenting information: <http://www.parentfurther.com/why> Check the Tips and Tools tab for easy and fun activities.
Database of Military-themed children's books includes book summaries and publisher information: <http://www.booksformilitarychildren.info/>
Private Scholarship Websites: <http://www.aic.org/>, <http://www.fastaid.com/>, <http://www.petersons.com/>, <http://www.collegenet.com/>, <http://www.saltmoney.org/>, <http://www.bostonscholarshipguide.com/>, <http://www.osfa.mass.edu/>, <http://www.supercollege.com/>, and [scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com).
College Planning Resources: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/?navid=gh-cp>, <http://www.fsapubs.gov/app/Search/ItemDetails.aspx?item=EN1220P>, www.asa.org/plan or 1-877-332-4348
2014 Military Children's Scholarship Handbook www.militaryhandbooks.com
American Legion College Financial Guide www.NeedALift.org
Debt free post high school education for children of Service Members lost while on active duty. <http://www.fallenpatriots.org/>
Summer Reading Program and programs to help Military Children retain knowledge over the summer. www.tutor.com/military/brainfit

Operation Tribute offers free holiday gifts for Military Kids. www.OperationTribute.com November 1, 2014 deadline.
AMVETS NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS – www.amvets.org/programs/scholarships
Scholarship Finder provided by the Military Child Education Coalition: www.SchoolQuest.org

Camps/Conferences/Trips:

Project New Hope offers free retreats to Veterans and Families. For details, visit <http://www.projectnewhopema.org/>
Camp Erin is a free bereavement camp for survivors ages 6-17. US and Canadian locations available. http://www.moyerfoundation.org/programs/CampErin_FindYourCamp.aspx
Operation Purple Camps <http://www.militaryfamily.org/our-programs/operation-purple/2014-camps/>
4-H Military Kids Camps for youth in the deployment cycle <http://www.4-hmilitarypartnerships.org/p.aspx?tabid=217> Many dates and locations available. Low or no cost.
Camp Kota \$100 Military Discount CoEd ages 8-15 day or overnight. www.campkota.org, campkota@gmail.com, 860.999.4130
2014-2015 Military Teen Adventure Camps - little or no cost! https://www.extension.purdue.edu/Adventure_camps/index.html
Federation for Children with Special Needs 2014 Camp Directory <http://fcsn.org/camps/> (Public)
2015 Winter Survival Camp at the Oswegatchie Educational Center for military youth and surviving children, ages 14-18, January 16-20 or February 15-21, 2015 315.788.8450

Ongoing Programs/Discounts:

Anheuser Busch – through 12/31/14, free one time admission to Anheuser Busch Parks for military personnel and as many as three direct dependents <http://www.herosalute.com/>
Child Care Aware: Helps you locate quality daycare. <http://childcareaware.org/>
Give Army Parents a Break—Free childcare. <http://www.naccrra.org/military-families/army/give-army-parents-a-break>
Military Kids Connect—Resources and peer sharing, Parents: <https://www.militarykidsconnect.org/parents>, Youth: <https://www.militarykidsconnect.org/>
Army Community-Based Child Care Fee Assistance Program for Deployed, AGR, and Technicians. www.armyfeeassistance.naccrra.org
Pay It Forward Parenting Program – a free training program. www.positiveparentingsolutions.com/giving-back
Project Pen Pal: For Military School-age children. Connect with military youth from all over the world and develop your letter-writing skills!
Sitter City: Helps you find a babysitter. As a military family, you have FREE access to Sitter city. www.sittercity.com/dod
Tutor.com: FREE Online Tutoring. <http://www.tutor.com/military>
Newport Navy Base MWR: <http://www.discovermwr.com/naionalstationnewport/> Check for activities and discounts!
United Through Reading (UTR) facilitates video recorded book readings from soon to be deployed (up to a year out) and currently deployed airmen and soldiers. (www.unitedthroughreading.org)
Community-based Child Care for Military Families; <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/monthly-focus?content_id=267337http://www.militaryonesource.mil/monthly-focus?content_id=267337>
Military Child Care Programs <http://www.militaryonesource.mil/monthly-focus?content_id=267339>
Resilience Mobile App for Military & Veteran Families - download is free app for iPhone and iPad. <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/focus-on-the-go!/id624713445?ls=1&mt=8>
To see what Hanscom has to offer, check <http://www.hanscomservices.com/AirmanAndFamilyReadinessCenter.asp>
Free National Park Passes for Military. <http://www.nps.gov/findapark/passess.htm>
Old Sturbridge Village Military Discounts for active military and their families including others in the party. (Retired and/or veteran discounts at the Visitor Center only.) <http://www.osv.org/discounts>
Military Discount @ Disney 28SEP14 -03OCT15 <http://www.militarydisneytips.com/Disney-Armed-Forces-Salute.html>
Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) - fed funded nutrition. FREE meals to children under age 18 when school is not in session. <http://meals4kids.org>
Cape Cod MWR <http://www.mwrcapcod.com/>
Free online 6 session parenting course for Service Members and Veterans. www.veteranparenting.org
\$15 Gift card to Military when you join Sam's Club <http://www.samsclub.com/sams/pagedetails/content.jsp?pageName=militaryMembership>
MWR Portsmouth Navy Shipyard, www.discovermwr.com/pnsy
Sports equipment, instruction, and admission to professional games for US and Canadian Military Children is available through <http://www.defendingtheblueline.org/> (Hockey, Baseball)
Deeply discounted Red Sox Tickets http://mlb.mlb.com/ticketing/authdiscount.jsp?c_id=bos Service members, Veterans, and Retirees may purchase up to 10 tickets per game.
33 Ideas under \$10 that will keep your kids busy all summer. <http://www.buzzfeed.com/mikespohr/activities-that-will-keep-your-kids-busy-all-sum>
Veteran Tickets Foundation provides **FREE** event tickets to family members of troops Killed In Action (K.I.A.), our Military and Veterans to sporting events, concerts <http://www.vettix.org/index.php>

NOTE: When looking for things to do, don't forget to check out local and state resources. Many opportunities are free or have military discounts available. Check out places like libraries, chambers of commerce, convention and visitors bureaus, historical societies, parent clubs, school organizations, local/state/national parks, community/youth organizations, and houses of worship. Also, look for current information on our facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Youth-Program-Massachusetts-National-Guard/121992257851679>) and twitter feed (https://twitter.com/MA_NG_Youth.)

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October '14

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Free Golf Clinic for Military, Veterans, and Families. 4:00 and 6:00 pm, RI
<http://www.golfforall.org/>

- Yom Kippur
 - Free Golf Clinic for Military, Veterans, and Families. 3 pm.
<http://www.golfforall.org/>

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- Child Health Day
- Blue Shirt Day (Anti-Bullying)

Topsfield Fair Military Day. Free Active military and immediate family
<http://www.topsfieldfair.org/admission.php>
 - VTT Webinar Part I

Free Golf Clinic for Military, Veterans, and Families. 4:00 and 6:00 pm, RI
<http://www.golfforall.org/>

VTT Webinar 9 pm Communicating w/Command pt. I
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4732924029369423873>

- Free Golf Clinic
<http://www.golfforall.org/>
- Home Base Program FREE boat ride and day w/family

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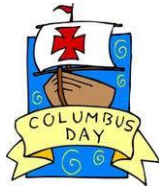
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VTT Webinar: Communicating w/Command pt. II 10:00 - 11:00 AM,
<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6181473424359680513>

Free Golf Clinic for Military, Veterans, and Families. 4:00 and 6:00 pm, RI
<http://www.golfforall.org/>

- Military & Veteran Fam Community Night & Dinner
andrea.valin@va.gov or 781.687.2031
- VTT Webinar 9 pm Communicating w/Command pt. II

Free Circus Tix for active duty families E6 & below from the USO.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ringling-brothers-circus-tickets-13638445959>

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Thanks To Yanks Family Fun Walk 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 *Rain date: October 26 Milford, MA. Fees

Free Golf Clinic for Military, Veterans, and Families. 4:00 and 6:00 pm, RI
<http://www.golfforall.org/>

- Halloween Party. Knights of Columbus, Leominster 11-2
- USO Halloween Event @ Constitution 4:30 617-720-4949
- Cape Cod Boonanza 508-968-6446

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<http://www.golfforall.org/>



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<h1>November 2014:</h1> <h2>Military Family Appreciation Month!</h2>						1
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	Registration Deadline for OMK event on Sunday.	COPING WITH HOLIDAY STRESS 1:00 — 2:00 p.m. @ HAFB AFRC (781) 225-2765 or 66.fss.fsfr.cmb@us.af.mil				Operation Flags for Vets – flag planting at the National Cemetary in Bourne 10:00
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OMK Free Playtime at Einstein's Workshop vwallace@umext.umass.edu	PARENTING WITH HUMOR 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. @ HAFB AFRC (781) 225-2765 or 66.fss.fsfr.cmb@us.af.mil			BUDGETING FOR THE HOLIDAYS 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. @ HAFB AFRC (781) 225-2765 or 66.fss.fsfr.cmb@us.af.mil	STEP PARENTING 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. @ HAFB AFRC (781) 225-2765 or 66.fss.fsfr.cmb@us.af.mil	
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	BUILDING RESILIENCY IN CHILDREN @ HAFB AFRC 11:30 am – 12:30 pm (781) 225-2765 or 66.fss.fsfr.cmb@us.af.mil					

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		Operation Homefront Toy Distribution, Worcester			Deadline for MCEC Military Child of the Year nominations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Guard Birthday, #378! Operation Homefront Toy Distribution, Wellesley, Springfield
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Operation Homefront Toy Distribution, Taunton						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
						
28	29	30	31	<h1>December 2014</h1>		
						